

Selections

THE VORACIOUS SEA.

It Is Eating Up the Coast Between Nantes and Bordeaux.

During the past eighteen months the sea has been making a persistent attack upon the low lying coast between Nantes and Bordeaux. At a place known as the Belle Henriette, between Tranche and Aiguillon-sur-Mer, to the north of La Rochelle, a bay has been formed 1,500 meters wide and 200 meters deep. This result of eighteen months' erosion is sufficiently alarming.

The sea began by sweeping away a vineyard and part of a farm and then pulled down the road which ran parallel to the sea. Another road was constructed a hundred meters farther back, but even this is being threatened, for the sea is now within twenty meters of the new road, which may be obliterated at any moment. Behind this are 10,000 acres of marsh land, which will certainly be covered by the sea at a very early date unless measures are immediately taken for its protection.

The woods and forests department first tried to resist the attack by consolidating the shore with piles, but this did not have the slightest effect upon the irresistible movement of the sea. The points of chaussees then took the matter in hand and made an inclined wall with 1,200 cubic meters of rock, doing damage to the extent of about \$5,000, but the remainder of the wall has so far done good service in keeping back the invader. It is obvious, however, that this can only be a temporary expedient.

The state and the department have decided upon the construction of an embankment of armored concrete having a length of 600 meters. The armored concrete will form a sort of covering for the dunes and will therefore constitute an inclined wall with a foundation at the bottom extending two meters below the sand. For fear that the sea will make a "bank attack" on the concrete the embankment will have a masonry wall at each end extending backward, but there is some doubt as to whether this will prove efficient. If, however, the experiment is successful the same method of protection will be adopted at the Pointe de Graves and other parts where the reclaimed marsh land is being continually eroded by the seas.—Engineer.

The Oval Billiard Table.

Speaking of the invention of an oval billiard table which has found favor in several London clubs, the New York Times thinks its use will develop a result not anticipated—namely, in transforming the game. It says: "Possibly the result of entirely transforming the game was not foreseen. But the transformation is complete all the same. The first datum of billiards as heretofore played is that the angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection subject to such modifications as are given by what the Americans call 'English' and the English call 'side.' The truth becomes irrelevant and inapplicable with an angle incalculable by reason of the curvature. We advance at once into the higher mathematics. And until the expert learns the new cushions, which is to say until he learns the game all over again, he must trust for his assemblage to luck and not to skill."

Blind Musicians.

An unusual concert took place at Hamburg recently, of which the Nachrichten of that city says: "The family Wische, who live at Muhlheim, furnished the performers, who were all blind. The young woman has a fine voice, and one brother played the piano, and the other is a cellist. Another blind brother, who could not be present to take part in the concert, is a composer and the organist of a large church in Berlin. The programme included selections from Chopin, Brahms, Wagner, Schubert and Mendelssohn, and the concert was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience, among whom the majority marveled at the musical accomplishment of the blind people."

Foreign Postage.

On Oct. 1 the new foreign postal rate adopted at the meeting of the last universal postal convention in Rome in April became effective. The new rate makes the charge for foreign postage 5 cents for the first half ounce and 3 cents for each additional half ounce instead of 10 cents for each ounce, as the present rate prescribes. The new rate applies to all countries, except Canada, Mexico and Cuba. To these countries the domestic rate of 2 cents for each half ounce still holds. The change of postal rate from 5 to 3 cents for each half ounce after the first is the only important change adopted by the last universal postal convention.

A Literary Find.

One of the most important discoveries of classical literature in many years has just been announced. It is a volume containing plays by Menander, which was found over a year ago by Gustave Lafosse, inspector of the Egyptian service of antiquities. The discovery was kept secret for ten months until the ground was thoroughly searched in the hope that further portions of the volume would be found. The manuscript on papyrus was excavated in digging the foundations of a house in the village of Kom-Ichgaen.—Chicago News.

ANCIENT BOWS.

That of the Scythians Was in the Form of the Letter C.

While universally used by the ancients, the form of the bow varied with different nations. The Scythian bow was in the form of the letter C, and the bow of the Tartars, descendants of the Scythians, still keeps that shape.

The Greek bow was not more than three or four feet in length, but so stout and stiff that it required considerable strength and skill to use it. It is said that the first Greek bows were made from the horns of a species of goat, the bases being united by means of a metallic band. Afterward other material was used in their manufacture, but they still retained their original shape. These bows were too short to be of much use, and, comparatively speaking, but a small portion of the troops were armed with them.

The Romans carried the bow to Britain, where it at once obtained favor and during the middle ages was extensively used, forming an important element of the armament of that period.

The English archers were said to be the finest in the world, and their skill decided the battles of Crecy, Poitiers and Agincourt. The bows used were of two kinds—the long bow and the arbalest, or crossbow. The arbalest was made of steel or horn and was of such strength and stiffness that it was necessary to use some mechanical appliance to bend it and adjust the string. The arbalesters carried a quiver with fifty arrows and were placed in the van of the battle.

FELLOW SUFFERERS.

Each Had Throat Trouble Just Like the Other.

As the commuter who always boarded the train at Paradise Hills seated himself he was conscious that the young man next him looked at him with some curiosity as they exchanged good mornings. For the first few minutes neither one spoke; then the young man broke the ice. "You have a delicate throat, I see," he said commiseratingly. "I used to be bothered that way myself."

The commuter hesitated. There was something about his seat mate which invited confidence.

"Have you been married long?" he asked, with apparent irrelevance.

"Not so very," admitted the young man. "Why?"

The commuter cautiously loosened the bandage round his throat and, turning toward his companion, displayed an absurd looking, polka dotted tie. "We've been married less than a year," he muttered, "and she gave me six for my birthday."

The hand of his seat mate grasped his in a cordial, sympathetic grip.

"I thought so," he said. "It's only a year since I had my attack of throat trouble."—Youth's Companion.

Blowing the Nose.

Medical experts are calling the attention of the public to the importance of performing the nose blowing operation in a scientific and hygienic manner. First one nostril and then the other should be blown without undue violence. Doctors state that the two nasal passages should never be closed at the same time. If they are obstructed, as in the case of a cold, the back of the throat is filled with compressed air, and this, together with the discharge and the microbes which it contains, may be driven through the eustachian tube into the middle ear and lead to serious results. A great authority on the subject used to forbid his patients to blow their noses when suffering from a cold. The course is hardly one which will commend itself to those in the habit of catching colds. The best advice would seem to be that when it is necessary to blow the nose blowing should be done gently.—London Mail.

Wanted His Money's Worth.

"Have you any choice as to the wedding march?" asked the church organist.

"The wedding march?" echoed the father of the bride.

"Yes; the march that is played when the bridal procession moves down the aisle. Which one would you prefer—Mendelssohn's or the march from 'Lohengrin'?"

"Any difference in the expense?"

"Oh, no!"

"Then play the one that's the longest."

Silk Manufacture.

From all accounts silk manufacture originated in China. Chinese tradition has it that the Emperor Foh Li taught his people the art of cultivating the silkworm as early as 5000 B. C. Spain was the first European country to receive the silkworms, the Arab conquerors introducing them about the tenth century, probably from their home on the borders of Persia. The foundation of the silk industry in France dates from the year 1516, when Francis I. imported silk workers from Milan.

The Baby's Fault.

Nursemaid—I'm going to leave, mum. Mistress—Why, what's the matter? Don't you like the baby? Nursemaid—Yes'm, but he is that afraid of a policeman that I can't get near one.—London Tatler.

His Absentmindedness.

Professor (after dinner, looking at his empty plate in a rage)—There, we've had spinach and egg again! You know perfectly well, Amelia, that I can't eat it!—Fliegende Blätter.

Sure Thing.

"Do you believe any of the plant or arboreal kingdom would stick to man if given the choice?"

"I think the dogwood."—Baltimore American.

A Bachelor Quest.

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Charles Shaw, attorney, was forty and unmarried. He had proposed twice and been rejected both times. After that he refrained and became content about marriage.

One night in returning from his club to his bachelor quarters he witnessed a collision between a hack and a street car. The street car couldn't turn out, and the hack wouldn't, and so they came together with a crash.

When the incident had reached its end Mr. Shaw resumed his way, but he hadn't taken twenty steps when he made a find on the sidewalk. It was a white satin slipper, and it belonged to a woman with a dainty foot. The finder admired it by lamplight and then slipped it into his pocket. His heart gave a sort of lurch as he did so. Here was a seed of romance—a lost slipper, a dainty slipper, a slipper belonging to some fair lady who had fled from the collision in wild haste. She must have been without an escort or the slipper would have been searched for and found. What was a handsome woman doing that she was out alone at midnight? Had the question been put to him by a caller at his office the lawyer would have answered that she probably belonged to the Tenderloin and charged \$10 for the information; but, as it was, he made himself believe that it was far otherwise. As he took the slipper out of his pocket and looked at it with the eyes of a man of the world and an old bachelor instinct told him that the loser was a damsel, that she was blond, that she had merry blue eyes, that she had an attractive foot and belonged to the Four Hundred. Real old solid romance was bubbling and seething in his bosom before he went to bed that night. He may have thrust the slipper under his pillow. He may have put it into the pocket of his nightshirt so as to have it next his heart.

If the slipper had looked cute and dainty and aristocratic by gaslight it looked 50 per cent more so in the sunshine of the morning. Instead of dying out, the romance bubbled the harder. Mr. Shaw felt that he had a case where the jury couldn't go back on him. He sat long at the dainty thing before he went to breakfast. Then he put it in his pocket and carried it to his office and placed it on his desk. His girl typist saw it there and was properly shocked. A man who wanted to sue another man because his dog had bitten him saw it there and went away without suing. An old woman who wanted to lend some money on a mortgage saw it there and went right off and consulted a lawyer who had been married for twenty years. None of these things affected Mr. Shaw, however.

Next day the papers contained a carefully worded advertisement to the effect that a gentleman who saw the collision that took place in a certain locality had made a find afterward and was anxious to restore the article to the loser. Some men would have mentioned the slipper right out in print. Mr. Shaw didn't do this out of respect to the damsel's feelings. If she had been out slumming alone he wasn't going to give her away to her stern father or horrified mother. It was just mentioned as a "find," and the result was what might have been expected. One man wrote that he had lost a bottle of whisky in the crash and would be much obliged at receiving it back. Another wrote that he had missed a sack of \$14 and was glad to find an honest man. A third had lost his hat and a fourth a cane, and three women wrote about lost bags and back combs. The one who lost the slipper didn't write, however. Mr. Shaw figured it out that she hadn't got up early enough in the morning to see the paper before the cook lugged it downstairs, and he advertised again. No answer from her. The only epistle was from a party who claimed to have lost his wooden leg in the accident, and he dropped a warning that it must be returned within three days or he would limp around to police headquarters and set fifty detectives at work on the case.

For a third and fourth time Mr. Shaw ordered that advertisement inserted. In fact, he made it a "t. t. f." ad., which means that it was to run till forbidden. He felt that sooner or later the damsel must see it. She was no doubt wondering what cavalier had picked it up, and she would wonder until she turned to the papers. The ad. was given a place between a bulldog for sale cheap and a second-hand farm wagon for sale at a bargain, but he had faith that her eyes would light on it. And Mr. Shaw was rewarded. The day came when his office boy hunted him up at lunch and told him that there was a lady waiting at the office, and he almost ran the four blocks. There was a lady. She was a young lady. She was a colored young lady. She had taken the slipper off the desk and was holding it in her hand.

"Much obliged, boss," she said as the lawyer stared at her. "Then it was you—you?"

"It was me, sah. It was me and Julius. We had been to de show and was comin' home. Dat crash flopped me down on de floor, and it flopped Julius outer de back doah, and it was while I was runnin' arter dat pesky nigger dat de slipper come off, and I went home on my uppers. Yes, sah, it's mine—cost me a dollar and a half dat I washed fur and earned—and it was mighty nice fur you to put dat ad. in de paper and help a pore gal find her missin' property. If Julius wasn't still skeered and on de run I'd have him!"

But Mr. Shaw intimated that the interview was at an end and sat down to study the case of Brown v. Jones. M. QUAD

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\$1.00 Voiles

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